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American Legion to present Santa with a \$4,000 donation

CAMP DENALI, Alaska—American Legion's Post 1 has raised \$4,000 to donate to the Alaska National Guard's Operation Santa Claus to use towards performing the annual charity on its' 57th year.

Art Bell, American Legion Post 1 commander, will be presenting the check to Santa and his wife, Mrs. Claus.

"The American Legion is all about supporting the veterans and the missions they have in support of their communities," Bell said. "Operation Santa Claus is the perfect opportunity for us to support the National Guard as they support remote Alaskan villages during the holiday season."

Col. Timothy O'Brien, Alaska Air National Guard commander, Jo Katkus, Operation Santa Claus chair person, Rich Owens, Tastee Freez owner, and Jenni Ragland, Salvation Army coordinator, are also scheduled to be in attendance.

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What: \$4,000 donation check presentation to Operation Santa Claus

When: Thursday, November 21, at 11:30 a.m.

Where: American Legion Post 1, Anchorage.

Media: Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this event. If you plan to attend, please call the Alaska National Guard Public Affairs Office at 907-428-6031. We will provide personnel for interviews and b-roll of Operation Santa from this year's mission to Kake.